

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ron Deal, Ken Martin, Tom Kramka, and Sheila Kirby. Councilman John Baty was absent. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, Jessi Moore, and Ryan Moore were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Councilman Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – Marcia Benjamin thanked the city for helping with the cleanup day. Clerk Stogdill notified the Council when comments are received from the public, they are not obligated to respond because it is not on the agenda.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported 21 calls for the month of April and 78 total calls for the year. The fire department burned the house on Trussell Avenue and Ryan reported it was a beneficial training experience for the department. Members attended a training in Cincinnati for landing zones. The department will be helping with a kid safety day in Centerville on June 7. One resignation was received from a fire department member. The department appreciates their years of service. A pumper truck had a water leak and it is repaired. A grant for \$1,000 from Cargill was received and safety vests were purchased with the money. Ryan checked with neighboring volunteer departments on staff development rates and Moravia was below the average. The same amount was paid in 1996 so no increases in at least 29 years. After council discussion of the price of gas to get to the station, members missing work and income from work, putting themselves in harm's way, and giving up their free time, the Council agreed the staff development rate needed to be increased. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution 9-2025 – A Resolution for Staff Development Rates for Members of the Moravia Fire Department and EMT Services for the City of Moravia for \$15. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Resolution approved and adopted.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reported on activities at the library. An update was received from the Interim State Librarian that FY2025 IMLS Grants to States Award will be reduced. Six people attended Book Club. Craft Cart Mondays have five to nine participants each week and will be changing to Saturdays in the month of June. Nine children made May baskets. The large prizes for the summer reading program have arrived. Program will run June 9 to August 7. More information is needed for school program being held at the library/community building.

Cemetery – Ten loads of ashes have been hauled from the burn pile. Mitch Main inquired about plans for the west side of the old cemetery south of Robinson's house. It takes approximately an hour to mow each week.

Parks – Lines on pickle ball court have been painted. Pickle ball tournament is Saturday, May 17.

Streets – Councilman Deal talked with the County Engineer's office regarding chip and seal projects. They will contact the city if they have any projects but have no immediate plans.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Two residents were shut off for non-payment in May. Council agreed by consensus to send thirty-day notices of tax liens to Accounts 4550 and 4330.

Sewer – Nothing to discuss.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. The clerk reminded the Council the sewer loan payment of \$19,380 will automatically be deducted from the city's checking account on June 1. Consumer confidence report will be published in the Moravia Union on May 14 and messages will be printed on June water bills. It is also posted to 2 websites for residents to view. The transactions for alley closures for Jon Mullins and Nick Main/Mitch Main have been completed. Mitch Main and Shaun Wubben had nothing to report.

Resident Complaints – None.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – Mayor Miller gave the council an update on 104 North John Street.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01 – Sewer Service Charges was read by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Engineering services for the lagoon upgrade was discussed. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kramka to give French-Reneker-Associates two weeks' notice the city is terminating their contract. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution 10-2025 – A Resolution to Amend the Depositories and Maximum Depository Amounts for the City of Moravia to add Farmers Bank. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Absent. Resolution approved and adopted.

Council Discussion Items – None.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – A request was made to have a fire pit on the blacktop at Trussell Park to roast marshmallows for an 8th grade graduation party. Mayor Miller contacted the city's insurance agent and an insurance policy would be required from the individual prior to doing it. Council agreed by consensus to not allow a fire pit and stated the bar-b-que grill in place at the shelter house could be used instead. Mayor Miller informed the council there is an oil leak in the engine of one of the mowers. City crew will try to take parts from an old engine to repair it.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kramka to adjourn at 6:13 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer